

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

THE SHAW'S SPIEGELTENT RETURNS THIS SUMMER

- "Mirror Tent" is home to a bespoke slate of original comedy, music and improv -

Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON (May 16, 2024) – The **Spiegelent** returns to the [Shaw Festival](#) grounds for another summer of extraordinary, anything goes experiences.

A portable nightclub famous throughout the Weimar Republic, the Spiegelent, or "Mirror Tent", was notable for their beauty and adorned with intricately crafted hardwood, stained and etched glass, and mirrors to stunning effect. Unfortunately, few remain in service. Originally built in 1922 and brought over from Belgium for the 2023 season, The Shaw's Spiegelent has since become the Festival's home for unique, not-to-be-seen-anywhere-else performances. This year, the Spiegelent's season features four one-of-a-kind shows, created exclusively for Shaw Festival audiences.

The Spiegelent has something for everyone. Prioritizing laughs, improvisation and audience participation, [The Shaw Variety Show](#) and [The Roll of Shaw](#) kick off the Spiegelent's 2024 playbill with a bang. [Kabarett](#), [Footlights](#) and [Cotton Club](#) engage the power of song and music to whisk audiences back in time to the cabarets of Weimar Era Germany, mid-century Broadway revues and hot nights in Harlem jazz clubs.

The Spiegelent 2024 season features:

The Shaw Variety Show

May 17 – October 6

Conceived by Kristopher Bowman

Music directed by Travis Seetoo

Created and performed by Kristopher Bowman, Cosette Derome, Manami Hara, Travis Seetoo, Shawn Wright and featuring a few surprise guests**

Original music by Cosette Derome and Travis Seetoo**

Light the music and play the lights! **Kristopher Bowman** hosts an evening where no-holds-barred hilarity ensues! See the Shaw Ensemble in a whole new light – showing off their hidden talents, creative projects and, of course, flexing their improv skills. Unplanned, unrehearsed, and most importantly, unforgettable. Sponsored by the **Shaw Guild**.

The Roll of Shaw

May 30 – September 28

Created by and featuring Travis Seetoo

Bernard Shaw meets Dungeons and Dragons in a unique performance designed to bring the magic of Shaw to fans new and old alike. Roll the dice and come be a part of this one-of-a-kind adventure where the audience helps decide which way the story goes and how it ends.

The stage management team for ***The Shaw Variety Show*** and ***The Roll of Shaw*** includes Stage Manager **Jane Vanstone Osborne** and Apprentice Stage Manager **Kaitlyn Alderson**.

Kabarett

June 14 – October 12

Directed by Tim Carroll

Music directed by Paul Sportelli

Performed by Shane Carty, Kristi Frank, JJ Gerber*, Ruthie Nkut* and Taurian Teelucksingh**

Come hear the music play! Enjoy a night in old Berlin, experiencing the music of Germany's Weimar Era in an intimate cabaret-style setting. Sponsored by **James F. Brown**.

Footlights

July 6, Aug 3 and 24, Sept 21 and 27, Oct 5

Directed by Tim Carroll

Performed by Tat Austrie*, Alana Bridgewater, Shane Carty, Kristi Frank, JJ Gerber*, Élodie Gillett, Graeme Kitagawa, Ruthie Nkut*, Jeremiah Sparks and Taurian Teelucksingh****

Join members of the Ensemble as they ease down 42nd Street during the Golden Age of Broadway and celebrate beloved shows and songs of the era.

Cotton Club

July 17 – October 11

Directed by Kimberley Rampersad

Music directed by Paul Sportelli

Performed by Tat Austrie*, Alana Bridgewater, Élodie Gillett, Graeme Kitagawa and Jeremiah Sparks**

Sizzling songs from Harlem's Jazz Age. New York summers may be hot, but these toe-tapping numbers are even hotter! Beat the heat with a cold drink and enjoy the sounds of summer in the city.

The stage management team for both ***Kabarett*** and ***Cotton Club*** includes Stage Manager **Myra Malley** and Apprentice Stage Manager **Georgia Holland**.

[Coffee Concerts](#), [Speakeasies](#), [What's In Your Songbook](#) and [Gospel Choir](#) will also take place in the Spiegel tent. **[Speakeasies](#) are sponsored by **Critelli's Fine Furniture** and **Spirit in Niagara – Small Batch Distillers**.**

All performances are recommended for audience members 12+/Grade 7+.

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The Shaw Festival's 2024 season runs through to December 22, with a playbill featuring **[Lerner and Loewe's My Fair Lady](#)**, **[One Man, Two Guvnors](#)**, **[Sherlock Holmes and the Mystery of the Human Heart](#)**, **[Agatha Christie's Witness for the Prosecution](#)**, **[The Secret Garden](#)**, **[The Orphan of Chao](#)**, **[Candida](#)**, **[The House That Will Not Stand](#)**, **[Snow in Midsummer](#)** and **[A Christmas Carol](#)**.

Direct bus service from Downtown Toronto and Burlington to Niagara-on-the-Lake is available on the **[Toronto-Niagara Shaw Express](#)**. Luxury buses are standard size wheelchair accessible,

offer free Wi-Fi and have an on-board host. \$34 return per person. Ticket to a 2024 performance is required. Please pre-arrange with the Box Office. Schedule is subject to change. Please confirm dates and times with the Shaw Festival Box Office.

For more information or to purchase tickets or a seat on the Toronto-Niagara Shaw Express, please contact the Shaw Festival Box Office at 1-800-511-SHAW or visit shawfest.com.

Mask use at The Shaw: Masks are not currently required in our theatres. Though wearing a mask is optional, it is recommended; however, the choice remains at the discretion and comfort of the individual. The Shaw continues to maintain its [Duty of Care](#) measures. Patrons are also requested to refrain from attending any performance or event if presenting COVID-19 symptoms.

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The Shaw Festival wishes to acknowledge and honour the land upon which its patrons and company members gather as the historic and traditional territory of First Nations peoples. Recognition and thanks are extended to the Neutral Nation, the Mississauga and the Haudenosaunee for their stewardship of these lands over millennia.

About the Shaw Festival

Inspired by the spirit of Bernard Shaw, the Shaw Festival creates unforgettable theatrical encounters. The Shaw Festival is a place where people who are curious about the world gather to share the unique experience of live theatre and to create a deeper human connection with the artists, the beauty and abundance of Niagara and with each other. For more information, please visit shawfest.com.

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